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Sub:- Labour - Reports of the Labour Investigation Committee - Examination of.

The reports of the committee on these industries are dealt with below:-

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The factories are mainly seasonal and the conditions of work in the factories will be enforced rigorously by frequent inspections as the Factory Inspectorate has since been expanded.

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Sub:- Labour - Cotton Ginning and Baling Industry - Report of Labour Investigation Committee.

The Labour Investigation Committee's Report on the Conditions of Labour in Cotton Ginning and Baling Industry in Madras Province will be found in Chapter V of the Report and their general conclusions at page 53-56 of the report.

The Committee have mainly dealt with the industry Tr[illegible]ppur and Coimbatore.

2. The report says that the wange level in the industry is the highest in Madras and Sind. The Committee have stated that most of the workers are casual employees that there is no proper classification of operatives into permanent and temporary and that musters are maintained irregularly. The working conditions show that the factories Act, which is applicable in most cases is disregarded in many ways. Particular mention has been made in the report of the absence of shelters of workers during rest intervals; lack of protection from dust raised during ginning of cotton, unsatisfactory sanitary arrangements, failure to supply ~~drin~~ water, absence of any bathing facilities etc., It is stated that housing problem in Coimbatore is acute and that housing accommodation is not provided by the Employers in many cases.

3. From the report, it seems that the conditions of workers will improve considerably if the existing labour acts and regulations are enforced strictly. The Commissioner of Labour who was asked to offer his remarks on the report has stated that the factories are mainly seasons and that the provisions of the Acts will be enforced rigorously by frequent inspecton as the factory inspectorate has now been expanded. In view of this no special action seems called for on the [illegible] the report may be recorded.

No action seems necessay.

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